

# Malcolm Charles (Peter) McLEAN & Lexie Nola McLEAN, nee PYCROFT

Biography as published in 1995

**Malcolm Charles (Peter) McLean** (always called "Peter") McLean b. 26/9/1926, at Mt Schank on the dining room table, at the farm house.

Parents : Mary McLEAN (nee TAYLOR) & Malcom Wallace McLEAN

Grandparents : Maria Elizabeth McLean (nee Kruger) & Charles Soward McLean

G-Grandparents : Anna Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

G-G-Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

During his mother's illness when the children were fostered out, Peter stayed with grandfather Charles (Soward) McLean and grandmother Maria at Kongorong. The others went to Estelle Talbot and Maggie Taylor.

When Mary died and Irene Gaskin, the 2nd housekeeper arrived, she had a daughter and Peter and brother Jeff called her "Miss Mert".

Peter attended Mt Schank, Moorak and Port MacDonnell schools but had to miss high school as there were 120 cows to milk, first by hand then by machine.

He had many farming jobs as a roustabout, working for others besides his father. At 16 he was at Renmark fruit picking and then the same at Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills. He did factory work at Adelaide and joined Worth's Circus and travelled in the Eastern states. Back at Mt Schank he worked at the cheese factory, next to Mt Gambler where he stacked timber at Cafplrco.

He married Lexie Pycroft in 1950 and the second year rented the second house father Malcolm owned in Doughty St. Peter was able eventually to own it.

He started a trucking business but was compelled after an accident to the vehicle to work on the same for others. Amongst many jobs he worked for Woods and Forests. His last job before retirement on 25/5/1992 was truck driving for the Bill Wells.

Marriage: to Lexie Nola Pycroft (b, 15/4/1928) whom he met at a Glencoe dance.

Children (7):

1. Jillian Maud McLean b. 4/1/1951. Married: Desmond John Koch. His occupation: Cartage contractor of Salisbury, S.A. 2 children – 1973 & 1975
2. Robyn Mary McLean b. 10/2/1952. Occupation: Registered nurse/midwife. Married: Brian Robert Messenger (b. 27/4/1950). Occupation: Construction engineer. Residence: Box 8107. Mt Gambler East. S.A 5291. 2 children – 1982 & 1985.
3. Gregory Charles McLean b. 26/8/1954. Occupation: Truck driver of Mt Gambler. Married: Carmel Rose Humphrey (b. 21/12/1960) - divorced. 2 children – 1977 & 1980.
4. Debra Faye McLean b. 22/6/1956. Occupation: Clerk. Married Larry Baumbach (b. 2/2/1956) of Winconsin. U S.A. Occupation: Computer programmer. 2 children – 1982 & 1985..
5. Vicki Dianne McLean b. 10/9/1958. Occupation: Teacher/Kindergarten director. Residence; Mt Gambler. Unmarried.
6. Tracey Ann McLean b. 26/12/1961. Married: Ole Gardsenni. Occupation: Security contractor. Residence: Mt Gambler. 3 children – 1987, 1989 & 1991.
7. Shayne Peter McLean b. 5/7/1963 of Mt Gambler. Married Elizabeth (Vanessa) Lill. Occupation: Restaurateur, 'Jasmine Cottage' Allendale. S A

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page448 & 449.
- COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere.
- CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.
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